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Remedial Response Branch #1  
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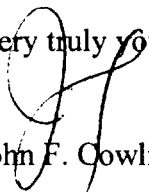
Re: Empire Chem, Inc.'s response to Special Notice of Liability, Sauget Area 2

Dear Ms. Carney:

I understand that Solutia has requested a 30 day extension to respond to the Special Notice of Liability on behalf of the PRPs receiving the notice letter. Therefore, Empire Chem, Inc. will respond to the notice within 30 days by September 28, 2000.

If my understanding on the extension is incorrect, please let me know.

Very truly yours,

  
John F. Cowling

cc: G. Marie Watts  
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